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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Conference on SSB Communications Equipment for IDEALIST Program

1. A meeting was held on 26 January 1961 at which time the proposed SSB program was discussed. In attendance were:

25X1A5a2	[REDACTED]	LAC
	[REDACTED]	- LAC
25X1A9a	Major Thornton	- USAF, SAC
	[REDACTED]	- DPD
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25X1A5a2 2. [REDACTED] reported that 3 each Collins 618-T SSB transceivers had been procured and were in the plant. All necessary engineering for the installation has been completed, but they have held up the actual installation at Headquarters request.

25X1A5a2 3. The question of available battery power after flame out was discussed. [REDACTED] pointed out that D.C. generator power is available down to about 25% or 30% of normal speed. Since the power for the 618-T SSB equipment will obtain its power from a new instrument invertor operating off the D.C. circuit, this will provide SSB energy down to about 30% speed due to engine windmilling.

25X1A5a2 4. [REDACTED] advised that the frequency coverage of the 618-T would be 8 to 24 MC. This required the addition of an antenna coupling unit.

5. Major Thornton was queried as to what communications equipment was aboard the KC-135 tankers and volunteered the following list:

A. AN/ARC-34 with AN/ARA-25 UHF/DF

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B. AN/ARC-58 or AN/ARC-65, H.F. single side band transceiver. The latter is used for communications with the nearest SAC base via the SAC network. This could provide a call back capability, via the SAC net, at the refueling point.

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